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## AUTOPSY REPORT

Case Number: [REDACTED]

October 3, 2017

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PATHOLOGIC EXAMINATION ON THE BODY OF  
[REDACTED]

### FINAL DIAGNOSES

1. Gunshot wound to the right chest
2. Abrasions on the right side of the chin, elbows and posterior left hand located along the fifth metacarpal region

### OPINION:

It is my opinion that death was caused by gunshot wound to the right chest sustained during mass fatality incident.

### PENETRATING GUNSHOT WOUND TO THE RIGHT CHEST:

There was an entrance gunshot wound on the right upper chest. There were two abrasions adjacent to the wound. There was no evidence of close range of firing noted on the skin surrounding this wound. The wound track proceeded from this injury through the skin and soft tissue, right subclavian vessels, right clavicle and right upper lung lobe. Associated injuries included soft tissue hemorrhage of the right neck, shoulder and right chest and right hemothorax. The wound track was from front to back and downward when the body is viewed in the standard anatomical position. There were fragments of jacketed bullet recovered from the wound track.

### Additional injuries:

There were pseudostippling wounds adjacent to the entrance gunshot wound and located on the anterior right shoulder, and chest with right more than the left. Additional pseudostippling wounds were also present on the right eyebrow, right lower lip and right side of the face, right side of the neck and right

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arm. Abrasions on the right side of the chin, elbows and posterior left hand located along the fifth metacarpal region.

Postmortem toxicology report revealed blood alcohol concentration (BAC) of 0.067 g/100 mL.

**CAUSE OF DEATH:** Gunshot wound to the right chest

**MANNER:** HOMICIDE

DATE: 12/20/2017

~~Leonardo Roquero, M.D.  
Medical Examiner~~

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### POSTMORTEM EXAMINATION ON THE BODY OF [REDACTED]

Date of Pronounced Death: October 1, 2017

Date of Postmortem Examination: October 3, 2017

#### EXTERNAL EXAMINATION:

The body was received sealed with a seal number [REDACTED] along with the identification tag. The body was that of a normally developed and nourished, [REDACTED], male, appearing about the recorded age of [REDACTED] years. The body measured 64 inches in length and weighed 149 pounds. Rigor mortis had passed. Livor mortis was present posteriorly and fixed. Clothing was consisted of a underwear. The scalp hair was brown. The eyes had white sclerae, pink conjunctivae, and hazel irides. The dentition was natural. There was stubble. The abdomen was flat. The external genitalia were those of a normal adult male. The back showed no significant deformities or other abnormalities. There were tattoos on side of the left torso and left upper back. A hospital identification band encircled the left wrist. A plastic wrist band encircled the right wrist.

#### EVIDENCE OF TREATMENT:

Endotracheal and orogastric tubes, intravascular line in the left antecubital fossa, defibrillator and electrocardiograph pads, bilateral chest needle decompression sites with syringe in place, right-sided chest tube and midline chest abrasions consistent with cardiopulmonary resuscitation were present.

#### EVIDENCE OF INJURY:

##### PENETRATING GUNSHOT WOUND TO THE RIGHT CHEST:

There was a 1.8 cm x 1.6 cm round entrance gunshot wound on the right chest, 12 inches below the top of the head and 2-1/4 inches right of the anterior midline. There were  $\frac{1}{8}$  inch x 1/8

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inch linear abrasion and a  $\frac{1}{8}$  inch x  $\frac{1}{8}$  inch "L" shaped abrasion adjacent to the wound located at 12 o'clock to 3 o'clock position. There was a 15 inch x 7 inch cluster of round abrasions and lacerations of different sizes adjacent the wound and located on the anterior right shoulder and right chest more than the left chest. There was no soot or gunpowder stippling noted on the skin surrounding this wound. The wound track proceeded from this injury through the skin and soft tissue, right subclavian vessels, right clavicle and right upper lung lobe. Associated injuries included soft tissue hemorrhage of the right neck, shoulder and right chest and right hemothorax of approximately 1000 mL. The wound track was from front to back, and downward when the body is viewed in the standard anatomical position. There were fragments of jacketed bullet recovered from the wound track.

### Additional injuries:

There was a  $\frac{1}{8}$  inch x  $\frac{1}{8}$  inch abrasion on the medial surface of the right eyebrow. There was 3 inch x 3 inch cluster of abrasions and lacerations on the right lower lip and right side of the face. There was a  $\frac{1}{8}$  inch x  $\frac{1}{8}$  inch abrasion on the right side of the chin. There was a  $\frac{1}{16}$  inch x  $\frac{1}{16}$  inch abrasion on the right side of the neck. There was a 7 inch x 4 inch cluster of abrasions and lacerations on the posterior right arm. There was a 2 inch x 1-3/4 inch abrasion on the posterior right elbow. There was a  $\frac{1}{8}$  inch x  $\frac{1}{8}$  inch abrasion on the posterior left elbow. There was a  $\frac{1}{8}$  inch x  $\frac{1}{32}$  inch abrasion on the posterior left hand located along the fifth metacarpal region.

### INTERNAL EXAMINATION:

#### ORGAN WEIGHTS (in grams):

Heart:	350
Right Lung:	320
Left Lung:	350
Liver:	1300
Spleen:	90

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Right Kidney: 100  
Left Kidney: 100

An autopsy was performed utilizing the normal thoraco-abdominal incision. The viscera were in their normal anatomical positions. Except for the above previously described injuries, the internal systems were as follows:

#### Neck:

No abnormality was noted in the hyoid bone, laryngeal cartilages, trachea, or the cervical vertebral column.

#### Cardiovascular System:

The 350 gm heart had a normal configuration with an unremarkable epicardial surface and a moderate amount of epicardial fat. The coronary arteries had no significant atherosclerotic disease. No acute thrombi were present. Both ventricles were of normal size and their walls were of normal thickness. No focal endomyocardial lesions were present. The papillary muscles and chordae tendineae were not thickened, and the heart valves were unremarkable. The aorta had no significant atherosclerosis. The major arteries and great veins showed normal distribution.

#### Respiratory System:

The larynx and trachea were unremarkable. The right and left lungs weighed 320 gm and 350 gm, respectively. The left lung had. No pulmonary emboli were identified.

#### Hepatobiliary System:

The 1300 gm liver had firm dark tan surfaces and an unremarkable parenchymal pattern. The gallbladder and biliary tracts were unremarkable.

#### Hemolymphatics:

The 90 gm spleen had smooth surfaces and dark purple firm pulp. There was no significant lymphadenopathy.

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### Alimentary System:

The tongue, esophagus, stomach, small bowel, appendix and colon were unremarkable. The lining of the stomach had an intact and unremarkable rugal pattern and the contents of the stomach consisted of approximately 50 mL of partially digested food.

### Pancreas:

The pancreas showed an unremarkable tan lobulated pattern.

### Endocrine System:

The thyroid gland had a normal bilobed configuration. The adrenal glands were each unremarkable with golden-yellow cortices.

### Genitourinary System:

The right and left kidneys weighed 100 gm and 100 gm, respectively. Each kidney had smooth cortical surfaces, normal cortico-medullary regions and no changes in the calyceal systems, pelves, ureters, or bladder.

### Musculoskeletal System:

Except for the above noted injuries, all the muscles and axial skeleton were free of any significant abnormalities.

### RADIOGRAPHS:

Anterior postmortem radiographs together encompassing the head, torso and extremities were taken and findings were included in the evidence of injury.